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Subject: Re: Settlement

Dear Bruce,

Even the MS-only software donated to underprivileged schools? Some penalty! It's like requiring an over-agressive religion to distribute its catechisms to poor people.

Now, if they required MS to distribute & support Linux or BSD or Corel or Netware, perhaps I would believe it was a "penalty" and not government-sanctioned self-promotion.

Tom

- > I am thoroughly in agreement with the settlement reached by Microsoft
- > and the Justice Department. I believe the continuing objections by the
- > State's Attorneys General are politically motivated and are not designed
- > to benefit consumers in the slightest. This is especially true of Atty.
- > Gen Lockyear in my home state. It is no coincidence that both Sun and
- > Oracle are California Corporations, both would much rather not compete
- > with Microsoft based server applications and database software and both
- > were significant contributors to Atty. General Lockyear.

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> - Bruce

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Laws are the spider's webs which,

if anything small falls into them they ensnare it,

but large things break through and escape.

--Solon, statesman (c.638-c558 BCE)

I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the rights of the people by the gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations. -James Madison, fourth US president (1751-1836) CC: Microsoft ATR,attorney.general@po.state.ct.us@inet...